

Maryland Department of Health
STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

DECEMBER 10, 2019
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The 432nd Board Meeting was convened at 9:35 a.m. at 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD on Tuesday, December 10, 2019.

Members Present

1. Felicia Anthony, Chair
2. Debra Buckalew
3. Patricia Cash
4. Stevanne Ellis
5. Kelly Smith Friedman
6. Jennifer Goldsborough
7. Margie Heald
8. Phillip Pawlukovich
9. Michelle Rosenheim
10. Roy Savoie
11. Belinda Strahorn
12. Calvin Vain

Representatives of the State

1. Ronda Butler Washington
Executive Director
2. Andrea Hill
Licensing Coordinator
3. David Wagner, Esq., Board Counsel
Assistant Attorney General
4. Lillian Reese
Legislative & Regulations Coordinator
5. Kimberly Lang, MDH

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was accepted with the following changes: #7. Legislative Committee Update and Board votes – October 29, 2019 – Ronda Washington and Lillian Reese provided updates in place of Committee Chair, Tom Edmondson.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 431st Board Meeting held on October 10, 2019 were approved as submitted.

Chair's Report

Board Chair Anthony stated that the next Board meeting would be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 9:30 am in Room 110.

Office Report

Ms. Washington provided the following office report:

For the month of October 2019

1 Original license was issued
26 Licenses were renewed
2 Licenses went into inactive status
2 Licenses were reactivated
1 AIT application was processed
1 Endorsement application was processed

For the month of November 2019

2 Original licenses were issued
13 Licenses were renewed
2 Licenses went into inactive status
3 AIT applications were processed
1 Endorsement application was processed

As of December 10, 2019 there are currently:

524 active LNHA's
21 inactive LNHA's
160 non-renewed (lapsed) LNHA's
19 candidates are currently in active AIT programs

Credentials Committee Updates

During the November 5, 2019 Credentials Committee Meeting, the Committee voted to approve the following:

1 12-month AIT program
1 9-month AIT program
1 completed AIT program ready for licensure

During the December 3, 2019 Credentials Committee Meeting, the Committee voted to approve the following:

1 12-month AIT program
1 11-month AIT program
1 application for Endorsement
1 application for Reinstatement

Contractual Health Occupations Investigator Position

The Board's full-time contractual investigator position is now vacant, and the position has been re-posted. The goal is to have this position filled by the end of January, 2020.

NAB Mid-Year Meeting

Ms. Hill stated that it was a very informative meeting, where the emphasis was still on the states adopting the HSE. NAB leaders stated that they were building their outreach program, and that Boards could now have the CE registry downloaded to their systems for renewal purposes; unfortunately, our licensing system is not capable of allowing that to happen.

Legislative Committee Update – October 29, 2019 Meeting and Board Votes

The Board reviewed and Ms. Washington discussed two draft bills (one for licensing assisted living managers and another that addresses removing the association recommendation requirement for appointment to the Board and providing the Board more flexibility in setting provisional license effective periods). The proposed legislation that was submitted to MDH in May, as proposed departmental bills, were rejected by MDH. Therefore, the Board will need private sponsors in order to move the legislation forward. Ms. Washington noted that the Board would need to vote on acquiring sponsors and submitting the bills for the 2020 legislative session. Ms. Washington stated that if this bill were to become law, the composition of the Board would change and Nursing Home Administrators and Assisted Living Managers would both be classified as licensees of the Board. The Board voted to seek private sponsors and submit the bills for the 2020 legislative session.

Presentation

Board Chair Anthony read the service award that will be given to Board Member Ms. Margie Heald, who is retiring.

Meeting Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.


Executive Director


Chair